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Storm 'Kabayan' kills 7; state of calamity up

By Inquirer Northern Luzon

US aid tied to RP action on killings

3 conditions set for additional military assistance

By Cynthia D. Balana

THE US SENATE HAS served notice it wants the Arroyo administration to prosecute human rights violators, including soldiers, before it approves additional military aid.



2 new impeach cases filed against President



Impeach fate key to GMA-JDV alliance

NPC mural ruined, says Malang

PNP turns to court as final arbiter of Glorietta blast



WWF honors 'green' firms

By TJ Burgonio

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Macarambon: I'll be an asset

Newest Comelec commissioner takes oath, denies 'Garci' link

"I WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE Commission on Elections."

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SWS: Fewer poor, but more hungry

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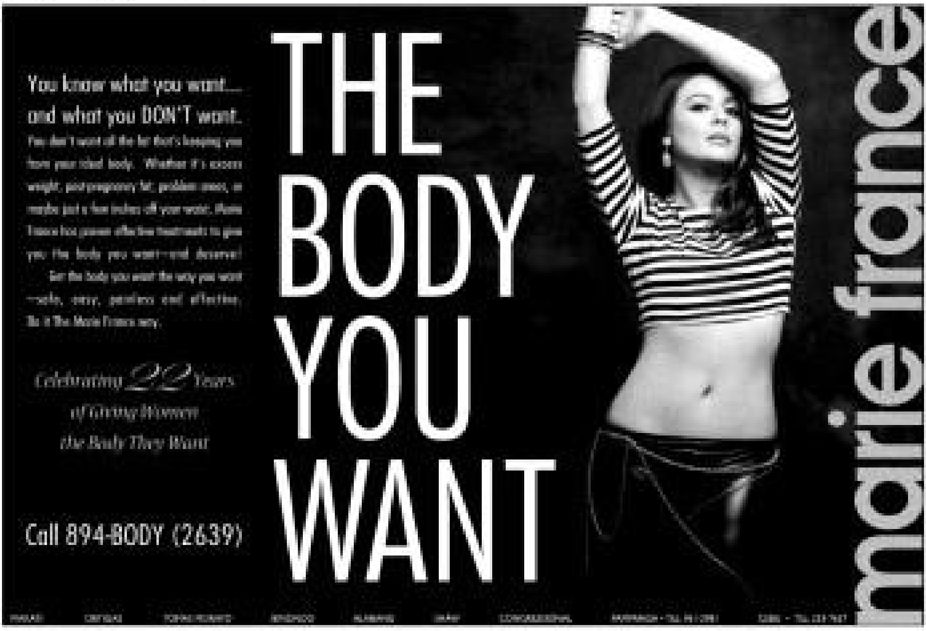
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WWF honors 'green' companies

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Corp.—at Hotel InterContinental Manila in Makati City on Wednesday night.

"We're proud of these partnerships. We'd like to celebrate them and encourage them as we move on," Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala, WWF-Philippines chair, said in his speech. "For us to make a difference, we have to join hands and continue working in any way we can."

Richest barangay

Unknown to some, Barangay San Lorenzo, an enclave of the rich in Makati's commercial district, has decided to measure the energy consumption of its 700 households and business establishments and draw up ways to reduce it.

It's the first local government unit to "actively take a stand against climate change," according to Susan Rosas, head of WWF-Philippines' marketing and corporate relations.

"The folks in Makati have very big carbon footprints—like America, if not bigger," she said in an interview.

San Lorenzo covers Legaspi Village, the Makati Commercial Center, Greenbelt and half of Ayala Avenue. It's touted to be the richest barangay in the entire country.

Change your light bulb

According to the WWF, 75 volunteer households will be tapped for the soft launch of the project this year in the run-up to its formal launch in January.

"We're going to see how much elec- [illegible]

[illegible] carbon dioxide. And then we'll tell them how they can reduce energy [consumption]," Rosas said. "Like, change your light bulbs, check your air-cons, and if you buy a new appliance, make sure they're energy efficient."

Like San Lorenzo, Sunpower has approached and then forged an agreement with WWF-Philippines to measure the carbon dioxide it generates from its plants manufacturing solar panels in the country.

According to Rosas, a solar panel could cost $5,000 or P243,000.

"Sunpower wants to measure the [amount of] carbon dioxide they're emitting when they make the solar panels. That's wonderful. How many corporations would do that and be honest enough to say it?" she said.

The WWF will be dispatching two experts to Sunpower to study its manufacturing process and to measure the carbon dioxide emitted from the time it procures silica from the ground until it installs the solar panels, she added.

"More Filipino corporations are going to have to start doing that because we're a supply chain for the United States and Europe. And [their consumers] will start asking about the carbon footprint of every product that they sell to consumers," Rosas said.

Fossil fuels to rice husks

Carbon footprint is the total amount of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases emitted over the full life cycle of a product or service, according to Wikipedia.

Lafarge Philippines, for its part, is slowly shifting from fossil fuels to rice husks as biomass to manufacture cement in its plants in Bulacan and Rizal, according to the WWF-Philippines.

This is on top of its commitment to the WWF to pursue a clean development mechanism project and reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and carbon dioxide by 20 percent per ton of cement from 1990 to 2010 worldwide.

"The six-year partnership with Lafarge has proven to be one of the most significant paths to global solutions for the cement industry," Rosas said.

Lafarge and the WWF-Philippines also jointly commissioned and funded an energy efficiency study which identifies energy-saving measures that could help the country avoid 66.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions, and save up to P305 billion.

Carbon neutral bank

HSBC, the first bank in the world to go "carbon neutral," has integrated "sustainability guidelines" in its global policies, according to the WWF-Philippines.

"HSBC has policies like if they're going to give a loan, they will ask the company what's their environmental impact. And if it's bad environmental impact like mining, coal-fired power plant, they're not going to give you funding because they know you're contributing to climate change," Rosas said.

This could also be monitored through BankTrack, a network of civil society organizations and individuals tracking the operations of the private financial sector and its effect on people and the planet, Rosas said.

SM Investments has partnered with the WWF-Philippines to manage the marine ecosystem in Nasugbu, Batangas, south of Manila, where it has developed a 5,780-hectare property into a resort-residential area.

Ecological footprint

"Hamilo Coast [SM's land development project] is working with the WWF to manage the marine ecosystem in the area, measure the social and ecological impacts, with a commitment to reducing its ecological footprint [human demand on nature]," Rosas said.

Ayala Land Inc. has also taken the same task of sustainable land use in its real estate development projects in Morong, Bataan, called Anvaya Cove and in Cuyab/Nuvali, Laguna.

"We worked together with Ayala on coastal resource management, GIS (geographic information systems) mapping of the area, and measuring the ecological footprint of the project, and the impacts the project will have in the region," Rosas said.

Electronics firm Philips is promoting the use of its energy-efficient compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) and light-emitting diodes (LEDs) in Filipino homes.

"All of these show they're committed to people and the earth. They're forward-looking, and these are probably the corporations that will survive in the next century," Rosas said.

9 Filipino crew members stage mutiny on ship

By Cynthia D. Balana

NINE FILIPINO CREW MEMBERS OF a Taiwanese fishing vessel yesterday staged a "mutiny," taking over their ship while it was sailing off the African nation of Mauritius in the southwest Indian Ocean, to protest alleged maltreatment by their Taiwanese captain.

Vice President Noli de Castro, presidential adviser on overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), said the incident in an interview that he was able to speak with the crew's leader, Nathaniel Dumaog, who said they were maltreated by their captain.

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He said the incident was "unfortunate" and advised the crew members not to harm the captain or anyone else on board.

"[illegible]," [illegible]. (They said they did not tie up the captain. He was doing and they were giving him food. They said the Vietnamese crew members were on their side)," De Castro said.

The Daily Gospel

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31st Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Rom 12:5-16

Gospel: Luke 14:15-24

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Driverless SUV wins robot car race in US

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without help from humans for six hours and 100 kilometers around a California ghost town.

Nicknamed Boss, the vehicle from Carnegie Mellon University of Pittsburgh won a $2-million prize in the third such race sponsored by the US Department of Defense, which wants robots eventually to drive military supply vehicles.

The nine participants, including station wagons and a huge green military truck all decked out with flashing lights, warning sirens, spinning laser range finders and cameras—looked like mini versions of the "monster" trucks that deal in arenas around the United States.

Only six vehicles out of 11 finalists finished the course in an abandoned military base on Saturday.

The winners were determined overnight based on safety as well as speed. Stanford University, which won a 2005 race, came in second and Virginia Tech finished third.

Historic day

"Yesterday [was] a very historic day," said Tony Tether, director of the Pentagon's research agency, after handing out checks on Sunday to the winning cars, with humans at the wheel, took off for a victory spin.

The effort has brought some of the top names of US universities and corporations to working together on a big technology challenge. Science buffs have followed the robots' progress avidly, but the biggest benefits are in the future.

The US military aims to put robots behind the wheel of supply vehicles, with a goal of making a third of its supply fleet robotic by 2015—to keep soldiers out of danger. And auto makers see intelligent technology helping people drive and eventually taking over the task altogether for better safety and comfort.

Daunting objective

The race's objective—for the vehicles to finish without a driver, following California traffic rules precisely within six hours—was daunting.

A minor fender bender, the worst accident on Saturday, drew a collective gasp from hundreds of fans drawn to the abandoned base about 130 km northeast of Los Angeles.

Vehicles with hundreds of thousands of lines of computer code for brains appeared to have their own personalities.



"BOSS," a Chevrolet Tahoe SUV heavily modified and robotized by a team from Carnegie Mellon University and General Motors, crosses the finish line of the Darpa urban challenge in Victorville, California.



"JUNIOR," a 2006 Volkswagen Passat station wagon from Stanford University, begins the second stage of the robot race.

The Carnegie Mellon General Motors SUV rushed out of the starting gate, while Stanford's Volkswagen, named Junior, was conservative.

'Soccer mom'

"Boss is kind of like a soccer mom with some place to be—aggressive but safe," said Carnegie team member Bryan Salesky.

The Toyota Prius from the University of Pennsylvania and Lehigh University took corners slowly and then accelerated.

The vehicles hit top speeds of about 48 km per hour.

"You see the steering wheel turn, and there's nobody there. It's mind-boggling," said stunt driver Tommie Baird, who drove the streets along with the cars to test their traffic skills.

Using a combination of satellite navigation, cameras, radar and lasers, computer-based artificial intelligence systems determine where the car is and where to go. They then deliver directions to a system which drives the car, from steering to acceleration.

Universities hope their technology will help cut traffic accidents and improve driving.

Harder race

The Pentagon's research arm—the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency known as Darpa—sponsored dirt-road robot races in 2004 and 2005. The 2007 Urban Challenge was much harder, requiring complicated decisions from robots that in previous years simply had to find a course and stay on it.

The defense department gave a little help when needed to robots racing on Saturday. It regularly used remote pause systems to halt vehicles, including traffic jams that could have damaged or confused the cars.

One team was allowed to dig its car out when it made an unexpected left turn off a dirt road and got stuck, while at least one computer system was restarted during the race.

That did not lessen the cheers from the crowd of enthusiasts from organizers on Sunday.

"It end up today with you guys going into traffic, with not only other people driving, but other robots driving, is just absolutely fantastic," Tether said amid wild applause. *Reuters*

Senate passes cheaper medicines bill

By Dona Pazzibugan

THE SENATE yesterday passed the controversial cheaper medicines bill, which aims to bring down the prices of medicine by amending the Intellectual Property Code to ease patent laws and allow the parallel importation of more affordable medicines from abroad.

By a unanimous vote, the chamber passed Senate Bill [illegible] or the Quality Affordable Medicines Act of 2007 on third and final reading yesterday after a [illegible] break.

House version

Sen. Manuel Roxas II, primary author of the bill, said they would now await the passage of a similar bill in the House of Representatives and the convening of the bicameral conference committee.

A consolidated final bill will then be presented for plenary approval before being submitted to President Macapagal-Arroyo for signing into law. The President can veto the proposed law.

The version the Senate passed yesterday was almost similar to the one unanimously passed by the chamber in the previous Congress. It did not become a law, however, because the House failed to pass its version of the law.

The House version of the cheaper medicines bill is being tackled on second reading.

More time

"The good thing is that we now have time on our side. The more time the Senate and House have to discuss and reconcile the versions of the bill, the more responsive the bill would be for our countrymen's health needs," Roxas said.

Justifying the need for the bill, Roxas cited a common maintenance drug for diabetes, [illegible], that must be taken twice a day. [illegible] tablet costs [illegible] in the country but the same tablet can be bought in India for [illegible].

Generics industry

Another diabetes treatment drug, [illegible], costs P12 locally for a 50-mg tablet while the same tablet can be bought for P[illegible] in Pakistan and P7.57 in India.

The law also supports the generics industry by adopting the "early working" principle, disallows the grant of new patents on grounds of "new use," allows for compulsory licensing by the government, and strengthens the Bureau of Food and Drugs' capability to go after fake or substandard medicines.

In an apparent compromise with the House version, the Senate's cheaper medicines bill allows the President to impose drug price ceilings in times of calamity, public health emergencies and "unreasonable price hikes caused by price manipulation."

One of the main provisions of the House version calls for setting up a drug price regulatory body.

Storm 'Kabayan' kills 7; state of calamity up

5 deaths in Isabela

State of calamity

Landslides disrupt traffic

Closed roads

Deaths in Cebu

DSWD moves into action

PNP turns to court as final arbiter of Glorietta blast



Explore other angles

No access to basement

Form fact-finding commission

Trillanes witness

NPC mural ruined, says Malang

Meeting with Angono group

Unauthorized

'Burn it'

Shocked

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House gives education P6B more

Airports hike service, security

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Leftists rattle Batasan gate



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'Is the juice worth the squeeze?'

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A clear conscience is no defense

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Corruption in high offices 'normal'

Estrada pardon: No wonder people leave the country

A resounding 'Wow' for Pangalangan

'I follow my conscience!'

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Across the NATION

Comelec tells citizens: Arrest Bedol



LONELY TASK

COTABATO CITY—TOP COMMISSION ON ELECtions officials called on people to make a citizens' arrest on wanted election officer Lintang Bedol, who police said was armed.

Eastern Visayas folk warned of floods, slides

A call for
UNITY and PEACE

A statement of the Kongreso ng Mamamayan para sa Pagkakaisa at Kapayapaan - Pampanga

THERE IS NO DENYING that the Philippine economy is on the upswing. The indicators are most pronounced:

- The country's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 7.5 percent in the second quarter of the year from 5.5 percent in the same period last year. The gross domestic product (GNP) also grew by 8.3 percent during the same period, as compared to 6.4 percent in 2006. Both are record growths, the highest in decades.
- The peso continues its climb versus the dollar. The latest was at P43.675 to US$1, the highest in seven years.
- The Philippine Stock Market made history in terms of growth. It registered its highest record since it was established in 1927.
- The infrastructure sector is in a boom. Mega infrastructure projects are now being simultaneously implemented in the super regions. (The province of Pampanga and the entire of Central Luzon are now, in fact, beneficiaries of this frenzied infrastructure build-up and development.)
- Because of the improved fiscal position of the country as a result of the economic reforms of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, more investments and expenditures are now poured to basic social services and human development.

The President has also consistently extended the hand of reconciliation to all anti-government forces, and has made dramatic inroads in forging a peace agreement with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF). Efforts are likewise exerted at reaching out to the mainstream opposition headed by former President Joseph Estrada.

IT SADDENS US, however, that certain sectors have not let go of their blind obsession and desperate attempts at grabbing power even through foul means. The recent call of certain individuals to dismantle the current democratic institutions in favor of a junta is shocking as it is nauseating. These people fashion themselves as champions of democracy, but they have become so desperate they now prefer naked dictatorship and authoritarianism to rule our country again, just for them to have a piece of the pie – and probably eat it too.

It also saddens us that certain personalities have allowed themselves, either out of naivety or ambition, to be part of this desperate cabal.

THUS RISE THE PEOPLE OF PAMPANGA to collectively declare our resolve to fight against the renewed destabilization attempts of certain sectors against the constitutional government – and to support and fight as well for reconciliation and peace. Only through reconciliation and peace can we have genuine and sustainable progress.

We call on the rest of our people to join us. Our country needs respite from the political bickering and maneuvering to grab power.

ISULONG ANG KAUNLARAN!

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Bilang paglulunsad ng kilusang para sa pagkakaisa at kapayapaan, ang Kongreso ng Mamamayan para sa Pagkakaisa at Kapayapaan - Pampanga ay magsasagawa ng isang malawakang pagtitipon sa ika-6 ng Nobyembre 2007 sa Paskuhan Village, City of San Fernando, Pampanga, ika-10 ng umaga. Inaanyayahan namin ang lahat na nagpapahalaga sa pagkakaisa at kapayapaan na sumama sa amin.

Group held without charge appeals for release

Mushroom farm sends Aeta folk to school

By Tonette Orejas
Inquirer Central Luzon



PASTOR Albert de la Cruz gives mushroom-growing lecture to farmers in San Luis, Pampanga.



CARUTO Remualdo stands beside bags of mushrooms that support the education of 11 Aetas in Camachile village in Floridablanca, Pampanga.

Top student

Difficult life

No announcements

Mushrooms everywhere

GMA backers temper rally vs junta



Erased names

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Osmeña Highway bridges' rehabilitation starts today

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GMA's best gift to the Marines: Free detained officers

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Ramon Tulfo



Scientists map gene flaws linked to lung cancer

China, US agree on military hotline



FLAG DAY IN PANAMA
A girl dressed as a sailor marches in the annual Flag Day parade in Panama City on Nov. 4.

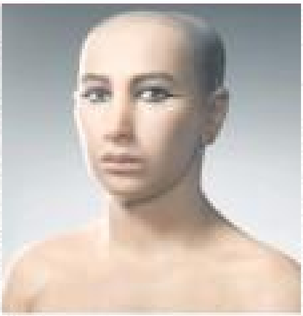
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French PM brings 7 freed Europeans home

UN envoy meets Burma officials

The WORLD

King Tut's 'beautiful' face bared



A MODEL of King Tutankhamun (above) made by a French team based on facial reconstructions from CT scans of the mummy. At right, King Tut's sarcophagus.



PAKISTAN EMERGENCY RULE

Lawyers beaten up; crackdown continues

ISLAMABAD—PAKISTAN police baton-charged lawyers protesting against President Pervez Musharraf's emergency rule and continued to detain his opponents on Monday, despite sharp criticism from ally Washington of the clampdown.



LAWYERS shout slogans against emergency rule in Peshawar Nov. 5.

SPORTS

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Andam avenges defeat to Soquet

Manalo, De Luna also zero in on Last 64

By Musong R. Castillo

LEONARDO ANDAM LED another hard Philippine charge on Day 3 of the $400,000 World Pool Championships, ripping German gun Ralf Souquet, 9-5, at the Araneta Coliseum last night to put a foot in the Last 64.

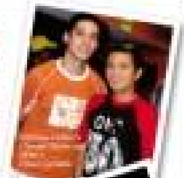
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xFM welcomes new PBL season

92.3xFM took a time out and joined the Philippine Basketball League in welcoming another exciting season.

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RP Cuppers Arcilla, Tierro stamp class on PCA rivals

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CONE: It has become like a UFC fight.

Cone hits out at PBA officiating, new rules

By Jasmin W. Pajo

Gabe, 4 others eyed to boost tired RP quint



FIL-AM standout Gabe Norwood's services needed again.

World Cup: Paulo through, Liza crashes out



VALDEZ: In 17th spot



DEL ROSARIO: 28th

Paying tribute to Paeng

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Manuela R. Holgo

SPORTSWATCH

Orchard Founders golf dangles BMW for ace

Xavier cage clinic Nov. 7

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NBA games move to ABC 5

Pasig derby stakes P1.2 M

SSC, La Salle tossers score

Bualee big on offense anew

By Jasmine W. Payo



Sevillano shares first with 6 GMs in Nevada

Tight security for Brunei's top player

Corteza downs Wu for $3,000 side purse



Fiery Earl back for more

Costly campaign for some

Best of best clash for NCA Nat'l Champs Derby title



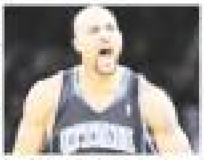
CUP WINNERS

Sacred Heart, ICCHS top Best Visayas finals

Two foreign squads vying in NBC Cup caging

SPORTS

Suns shine with Nash; Celtics shade Raptors



CARLOS Boozer reacts after being called for an offensive foul against the Lakers.

Celtics 98, Raptors 95, OT

Pistons 92, Hawks 91

Clippers 115, SuperSonics 101

Bobcats 90, Heat 88

Hornets 93, Nuggets 88

Knicks 97, Timberwolves 93

Lakers 119, Jazz 109

NBA on Solar Sports today
9:30 a.m. — Houston vs Dallas (replay at 8 p.m.)



KOBE Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers blocks a shot by Andrei Kirilenko of the Utah Jazz at Staples Center on Sunday. The Lakers prevailed, 119-109.

Davenport grabs 53rd WTA plum



NALBANDIAN: Emerging threat

MASTERS SERIES

Nalbandian tames Nadal

Ames snaps yearlong US Tour title drought



AMES plays his third shot at the 18th hole.

Ueda clinches Mizuno crown



RADCLIFFE holds her country's flag after a marathon run.



A FAGGED-OUT Lance Armstrong at the finish line.

Radcliffe returns triumphant

Armstrong makes goal



BUSINESS



90-day T-bill rate eases to 3.7%



BPO firms draw up roadmap to 2010

Treasury rejects all bids for one-year securities

THE GOVERNMENT YESTERDAY REJECTED ALL BIDS FOR THE 364-day treasury bills to prevent an increase in one-year interest rates.

Peso weakens to 43.885 to $1

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Stocks close slightly higher

90-day T-bill rate ...

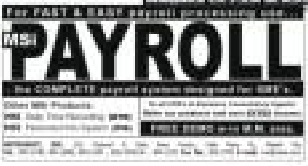
Dubai World checking Cebu?

BREAKTIME



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Peso weakens ...



Strong peso hurting Customs

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF CUSTOMS SAID THE APpreciation of the peso has already chopped off more than P10.8 billion from the government's potential revenue collection from import duties.

Customs Commissioner Napoleon Morales said the government's revenue collection target for this year assumed that the peso would average at 48 to a dollar. The assumption, however, never materialized, with the peso even breaking into the 43-to-$1 territory last week.

Morales said the BOC, which collects duties and taxes on imports, loses P2.7 billion in potential revenue for every peso appreciation in the local currency against the greenback.

He said that using 44 to a dollar as a conservative estimate of the current value of the peso, the local currency already appreciated by P4 compared with the assumption of 48 to a dollar. This has led to a potential revenue loss of more than P10.8 billion.

The Customs chief said this has made it difficult for the BOC to meet its P228.2 billion revenue collection target for the year. Given the lost potential revenue arising from the peso's appreciation, the more realistic goal for the BOC was P217.4 billion, he said.

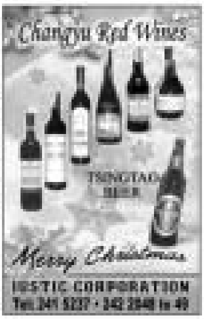
The Department of Finance, head agency of the BOC, said, that revenue collection targets set for collecting agencies this year would no longer be revised. The DOF said it was not practical to change targets when the year was nearing its end.

But Finance Secretary Margarito Teves said last week that 2008 revenue collection targets would be reviewed based on the appreciation of the peso and movement of other economic indicators.

For next year, the BOC is tasked to collect P254 billion. The foreign exchange rate assumption used for next year's revenue collection target is still at 48 to a dollar.

Teves said that should official projections point to a stronger peso, then the revenue targets could be lowered. Teves stressed though that the peso was not the sole consideration in setting new revenue targets.

Volume of imports, economic growth, interest rate movement and inflation, among others, affect the revenue collection of the BOC and the Bureau of Internal Revenue.









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NFA exceeds rice distribution targets

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BUSINESS

LRT-MRT LOOP AUCTION

20 bidders drawn to P6.3-B interconnection project

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT Authority (LRTA) has reported a high interest for its auction of the Light Rail Transit-Metro Rail Transit interconnection project worth P6.3 billion.

LRTA Administrator Mel Robles said in a statement that 20 bidders have expressed interest in vying for the project.

Among the 20 bidders are Sumitomo Corp., Marubeni Corp., Hanjin Heavy Industries and Siemens Inc.

Sumitomo Corp. undertook the Capacity Expansion project of LRT Line 1, while Marubeni was the main contractor for the LRT Line 2 construction.

Other bidders are DMCI-EEI-First Balfour Consortium, FF Cruz & Co., Leighton Contractors, Foundation Specialist Inc., [illegible] Int'l Construction & Development Corp., [illegible] Inc., MIS Engineering Corp., Asset Builders Corp., E.E Builders Inc., Pacific Concrete Products Inc., [illegible] Inc., [illegible] Inc., [illegible] Global Technologies Inc., [illegible] Industrial Engineering Services Corp., [illegible] Trading & Contracting Co. Inc. and China State (Phils.) Construction Engineering Corp.

"This is a sign of confidence with the LRTA," Robles said. "There are no other government offices which received such huge response from bidders."

The LRTA said it would meet with the 20 bidders today in a pre-bid conference at the Santolan depot in Pasig.

Aside from the bidders, the LRTA invited the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP), Transparency International, Philippine Contractors Association, Commission on Audit and Office of the Ombudsman to witness the bidding process.

The LRT-MRT project involves the construction of a 7.73-kilometer elevated line from the Monumento station of LRT Line 1 to North Avenue of MRT 3, with two new intermediate stations in Balintawak and Roosevelt.

Robles said that, with the project, LRTA expects average daily ridership to increase by 60.15 percent, or a total of 535,540 passengers, from the current average of 332,500 passengers.

Funding will come from the debt-paper sale of state-owned National Development Co., amounting to P4.6 billion. The rest will be obtained through a General Appropriations Act [illegible] Congress.

Construction of the loop will start early next year and is expected to be operational by 2010.

Pay higher excise tax, BIR tells La Suerte

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL Revenue said Pall Mall cigarettes may be released from the factory for market distribution, but on the condition that La Suerte Cigar and Cigarette Factory pays higher excise tax.

"The BIR never prevented any such withdrawals," BIR Commissioner Lilian Hefti said in a statement. "La Suerte can withdraw the cigarettes from the factory anytime they want, provided they pay the excise tax at the rate prescribed in BIR ruling dated Feb. 22."

The statement was in response to La Suerte's call for the BIR to allow the release of Pall Mall cigarettes from its factory. The firm has expressed concern over the brand's dwindling presence in the market.

La Suerte is the local partner of British American Tobacco in the production and distribution of Pall Mall cigarettes.

The BIR said in the ruling that the applicable tax rate for Pall Mall was P28.30 per pack. This ruling was overturned by the Department of Finance, which said the brand should be taxed only P6.75 per pack.

But amid complaints by La Suerte's competitors, and questions raised by Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile over the prudence of the DOF decision, the government agency has again subjected the taxation on Pall Mall under review.

La Suerte said that because of the confusion over the applicable tax rate, the company could not release the Pall Mall stock from its factory.

"In the event that the BIR ruling is reversed with finality and a lower excise tax classification is made to apply, then any excess taxes paid by La Suerte may be claimed for refund," the BIR said.

Smart all set to ramp up text services for tourists

SMART COMMUNICATIONS Inc. is set to corner the tourist market with the launch of its Japanese and Chinese-language text messaging services.

The country's largest cellular provider, which logged in more than three billion international connections in 2006, started offering special text messaging services to Koreans, which form the bulk of foreign tourists in the country, with the launch of its Korean language text messaging service in July.

Smart is now targeting Chinese and Japanese nationals.

Figures from the Department of Tourism show that Japanese tourists ranked third among Philippine visitors in July 2007, with 34,156 or 12.2 percent, of the total 281,002 tourists for the month. China was listed fourth, with 13,204 tourists, or a 4.7-percent share. Korea was still the leading source of arrivals in July 2007, taking a 22.3-percent share, or 62,692 tourists. The United States followed closely as the second biggest provider, contributing 17.3 percent or 48,546 to the aggregate.

Smart said in a statement that many Japanese and Chinese nationals can understand English, but have difficulty writing in the language. Even if they use a handset capable of Japanese or Chinese character input, the content is sometimes not readable when received in Japan and China because the current text coding process for international SMS does not support Japanese or Chinese characters. Riza T. Olchondra

LIFESTYLE

Wanted: Filipino doctors to treat a new childhood epidemic

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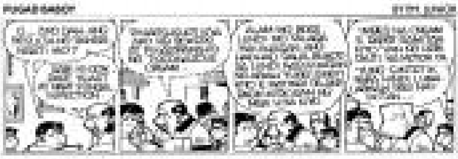
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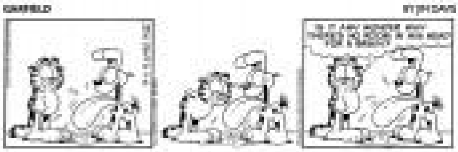
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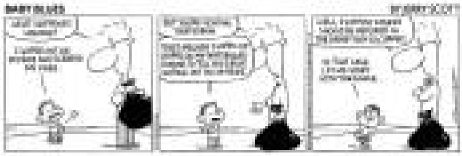
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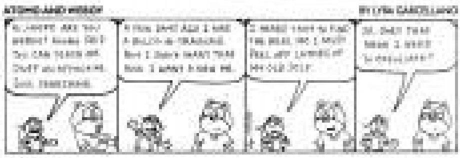


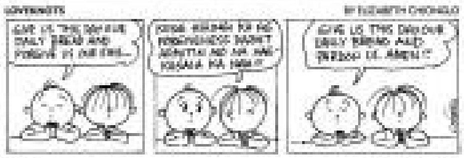


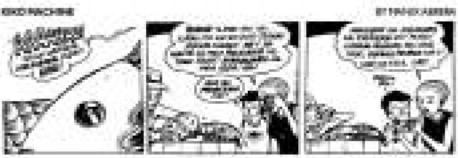


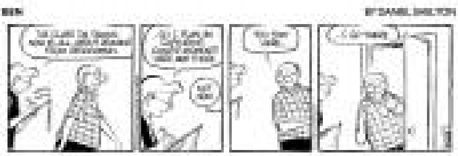


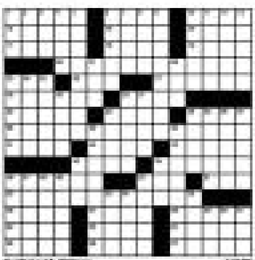


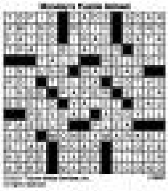








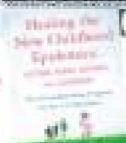




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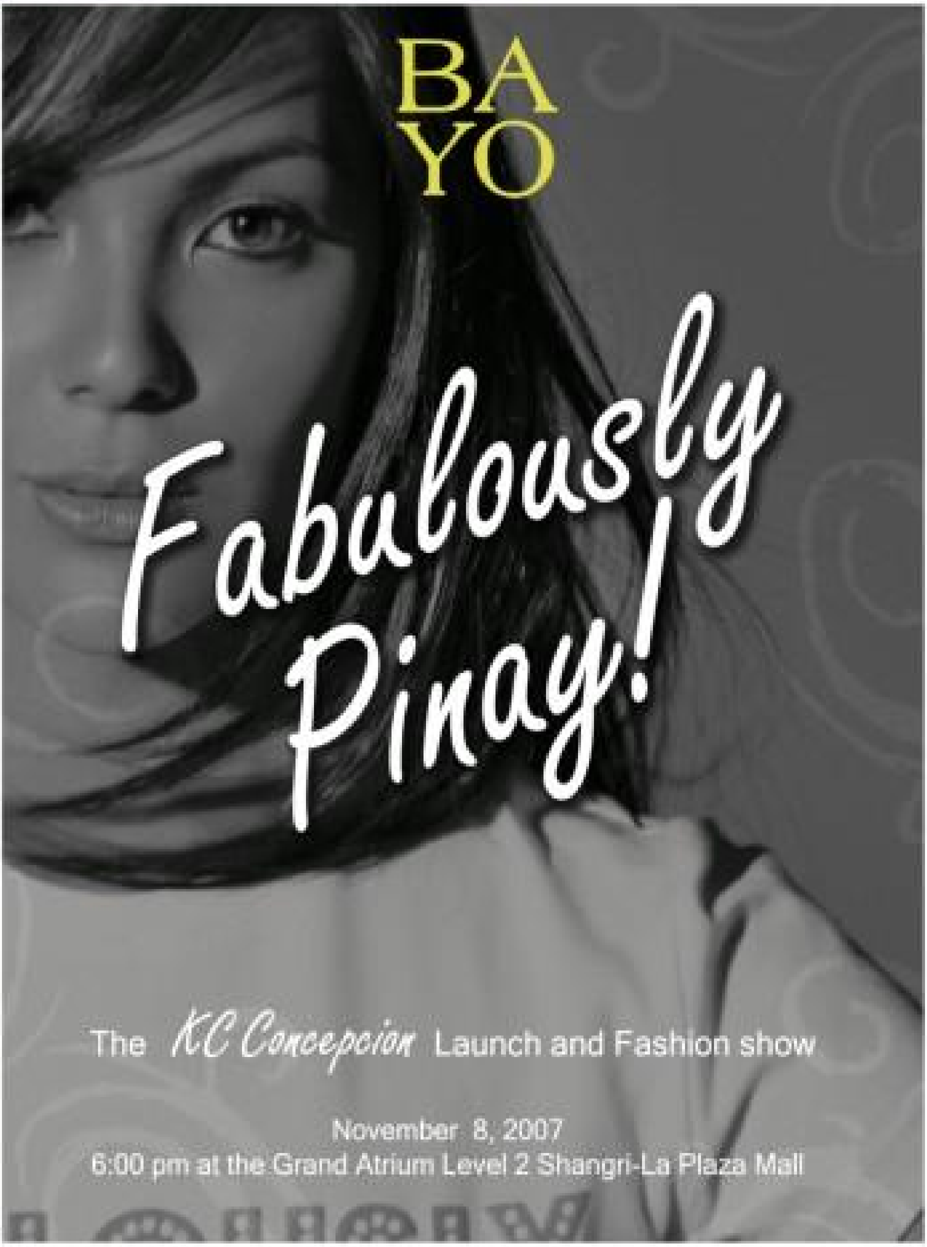
Doctor Says....

Healthcare program for mother and child

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Lea Salonga pushes her limits



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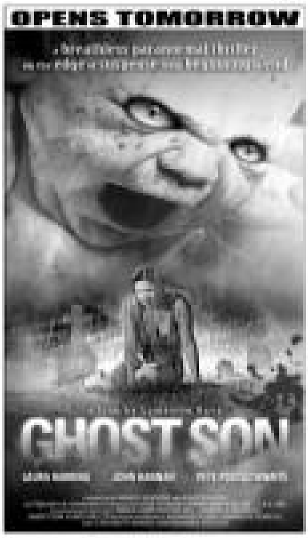
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Kirk Douglas clowns around

LOS ANGELES—A month shy of his 91st birthday actor Kirk Douglas dressed up as a clown and appeared at a Los Angeles playground dedication ceremony. The legendary "Spartacus" star slapped high-fives with students as he walked through the Shirley Avenue Elementary School schoolyard in the suburban San Fernando Valley.

AP

Lea Salonga pushes her limits

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beings that the ghost inside the PBB house is still very much around. "They just with sat the scenes where there are strange silhouettes or an nod to scare the viewers. The housemates are too engrossed with their tasks or they just ignore those eerie stuff. Maybe some of them are not even aware that the house is haunted." When, oh when, will the ghost get evicted from Kuya's house?

Book launch

Christine Bersola will launch her third children's book, "The Story of Chenelle" on Nov. 7, 4 to 6 p.m. at the Glorietta main activity center. It will also be her pre-birthday celebration. Tin Tin will be joined by Michael Liaw who's going to do a back-to-back reading with her and Cheryl Cosim, who is also hosting the event. Tin-Tin's and Julius' lovable daughter Anya will be around to finally put to rest nasty rumors that she figured in a fatal accident. That's one story Tintin would rather forget.

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